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Mr. James Turner March 22, 1972

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Minutes of Foreign Patent Review

I am enclosing for your information the retyped agenda list which we reviewed on March 16th with all of the recommendations inserted for each particular invention. It is my understanding that you will now take this list and determine whether Philip Morris International concurs with the recommendations made during our review. I will take no further action until I receive your authorization to notify our law firm which cases are to be maintained and which are to be abandoned. In regard to the four inventions covering products of interest to ASR, I will contact Mr. Baker in Staunton to obtain ASR's recommendation on the maintenance of these inventions.

I have also prepared a revised list of countries which we should consider when we file our foreign patents. A copy of this list is enclosed. In our last meeting we went over the procedure used in recommending the countries for foreign filing and at that time made recommendation for four pending U.S. patent applications. It was agreed in the meeting that all future foreign filing recommendations will be reviewed initially by both the Research and Development Department and our International Department in order to get a better determination of where to file for foreign patent protection. In this manner we will have the input of both groups before we file in any foreign countries.

We also discussed at our meeting the desirability of co-ordinating the patent functions for Philip Morris USA. While the Research and Development Department files most of our patent applications, there are a few filed by other departments and these additional applications must also be reviewed for foreign filing. It would appear advantageous to have all of our patent matters handled through one central Philip Morris source in order to have a more efficient foreign filing recommendation and review. Mr. Holzman indicated that he will look into this situation and see whether these efforts can be co-ordinated.

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